

# Nationals Winning Out After Bad Start Cheers Fans---Double-Header in St. Louis Today

## MANAGER JOHNSON'S OFFERS SOME HOPE

Nationals' Rally Suggestive of Style During Games at Home.

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No murder yet as a result of the fight pictures. Pretty punk for the purists.

There is hope, and much oblique for the same. Washington got a bad start in St. Louis yesterday, then went to work and pulled the game out of the fire by a 6 to 3. That was like the team played when in the long winning streak which came to an abrupt termination just before it started on its present tour. Further comfort was derived from the fact that after Walter Johnson completely exploded in the first inning and St. Louis accumulated three runs, Doc Reisling was able to go in and win. The doctor is a pitcher man, sure enough, but he usually has not the speed to stop a batting rally, and his performance yesterday was all the more creditable on that account.

Ralston made a sacrifice hit.

Johnson's explosion yesterday was a remarkable reversion of form. At one time this season he held all existing marks for losing games in the ninth inning. He dropped some six or seven by runs scored against him in the final session, and the fans were beginning to believe he should never be allowed to finish a game. Had it not been for that really bad luck, which gave him such an unique and undesirable record, he would have had a winning average that would have made him the greatest figure in baseball, considering the quality of the team he is with. But yesterday he blew up even before he started, and there was time after he started for his companions to make up the lost ground. This is much better than waiting for the finish before taking to the upper ether, and the young man is to be congratulated upon his excellent judgment in getting it out of his system so early in the proceedings.

Bob Unglaub is picking up a little easy money playing with independent teams.

How much of a man is Kid Elberfeld? That discussion started when the printer's game was played in Washington and stirred the city mightily. Estimates of the Kid's weight ran all the way from 140 to 200 pounds, and the argument waxed hot. It just went to show how people who believe themselves experts in stinging up athletes will be mistaken. The general consensus was that he tipped the beam around 170 to 180 pounds, and much money was bet on the proposition. Elberfeld was asked about the matter by wire this morning, and replied:

"Height, 5 feet 6 inches. Weight, 175 pounds. Stripped, he weighs 160. As Elberfeld should know his own figures and had no object in deceiving the fans, this is the right answer, but it will surprise a heap of folks. They knew he was something of a kid, but thought the hardness caused by constant exercise would make him heavier than he looked."

Ainsmith got two hits, and both came at exactly the right time.

A peculiarity about Elberfeld is that while he is undoubtedly a small man, he does not impress you that way. Being undersized is a handicap to a ball player, as a rule, because the fans hesitate to take him seriously, especially when he is making in, and once their diminutiveness is subject of comment they have a hard row to travel. The public instinctively takes to big men, and it is a fact that they are the hardest hitters, which is by no means always the case. Jay Barbeau, who has played here with Cleveland, and afterward with Pittsburgh and St. Louis in the National League, was quite a player, but the fans never could see him. George Nill was a great person, especially in the National League, but his small proportions inspired a lack of confidence, even when he was in one of those fits when he would play like a star for a week or ten days.

Washington will hardly feel proud of the pennant won by the Cornell team from a lot of striplings.

Two players on the Coatesville, Pa., team are said to have confessed that they were bribed to throw an independent game. Such an occurrence is so rare that it is almost a matter of fact. It is the exception that proves the rule, and the very singularity of this case is evidence of the honesty of professional baseball as a whole. The reports state that the two men confessed they were immediately dropped from the case as it was stated they should never be allowed to don a uniform again, or to enter a baseball park under any pretense. Although the Coatesville case is hardly under the jurisdiction of the National Commission, it should be recognized and every manager and park owner in and out of organized baseball should be warned against men who have been in the national game.

The man who attempted to bribe Empire Johnson, of the National League, was barred from all organized baseball parks forever.

Your Uncle Nick Young is taking as sprightly an interest in baseball today as he was thirty years ago when he was a one of the star outfielders of his generation. He was a small man who made good, by the way. We saw Uncle Nick yesterday when the Washington professionals were lambasting teams of Philadelphia and New York children. Asked what he thought about the world's series Uncle Nick spoke substantially as follows:

"Naturally, my professional sympathies are with the Cubs, having been president of the National League for years, but I would like to see Connie Mack land a world's champion. I have the highest regard for Mack, and think he deserves the honor and profit that would come from a title. I pick the Cubs to win, but I think there would be no odds on either side. The team work and catching and the 'Cubs are potent factors in the calculation, but the pitching and hitting of the Athletics should give them the strongest points, and make the contest as near even as could be. I certainly think the contest this year will be the closest and most interesting ever played for the big bunting."

John Heydler, secretary of the National League, has written Mr. Young advising him that two seats for every game in the National Commission box is a courtesy the commission can well afford to extend to a man who has accomplished a great deal for baseball, and who, throughout a long and trying career reflected nothing but honor upon himself and the sport. Mr. Young may take in the games played in Philadelphia, but has not yet decided whether he can get away at that time.

## JOHNSON ONLY GOT PITCH FIRST GAME TODAY

McAleer Will Send Him Right Back—Walker or Gray In Second.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 25.—The Washington Nationals, got off their losing streak just in time. If Doc Reisling had not pulled Walter Johnson's game out of the fire yesterday, after an unexpected bad start, with a vengeance, and Jack O'Connor's outfit of misfits had opened with a lead of three runs, driving the renowned right-hander off the firing line in one inning, the McAleerites would have gone flopping into seventh place. A victory was sorely needed, and one came, thanks to Reisling.

The Nationals got through with the Browns for the season this afternoon, when, weather permitting, a double-header will be put on at Sportsman's Park. Manager McAleer stated at the Southern Hotel this morning that he would come right back with Johnson. Yesterday was one of the very few times this season that Walter has not looked good in the early stages of a show, and particularly in St. Louis. He bags two slams in the first inning, but had to leave to lose control. He eventually slipped Master Frank four crooked ones. Johnson also got two strikes on Corridon, another midget. Then he soaked him in the back with a wild one.

Needs Fifteen More.

The soup was spilled when Stone bunted Johnson's way. It was a very poor attempt at a sacrifice, coming to Johnson swiftly. The playing field was damp, and that's what settled matters. Elberfeld stumbled and tumbled as he started off to cover third. He finally got there, but failed to leave to get Johnson's high leave. Result, a full house. Youngster Northern, a Houston, Texas League, capture of Jack O'Connor's, made good with a vengeance, driving on a line past Milan and clearing the bases. Johnson needs fifteen more strike-outs to equal George Edward Waddell's world's record of 201, made by the Rube when he was working for Connie Mack in Philadelphia in 1903. Johnson will work in one of the shows today, the first one, McAleer announced this morning, and if he pitches in his customary brilliant fashion he might have the new record by twilight.

McAleer was not just sure what twiler he would use in the second combat. The choice lies between Dixie Walker and Dolly Gray, with the former favored.

The Nationals beat it up to Chicago tonight where they wind up their season's work in the West. The handsome victory, was the first one they have tasted on this trip and the town-lets of First base on balls off Boyd, 2; off Nelson, 4; off Johnson, 1. Struck out—By Boyd, 4; by Nelson, 4; by Reisling, 5. Hits made—Off Johnson, 2 in 1 inning; off Boyd, 5 in 3 innings. Left on bases—Washington, 11; St. Louis, 10. Umpires—Messrs. Egan and Connolly. Time of game—2 hours.

What Youngsters Did.

McAleer is showing three juveniles Somerlot on first, Cunningham on second and Ralston in left. The three lads fielded nicely enough yesterday, but none of them looms up as a savior.

McAleer's first move was to put the only member of the trio who broke into the base-hit column. His drive went to left on a line and was a true big league blow. Cunningham also walked twice, and went on to second. That was his harsh drive up the third base line in the third which Corridon knocked down. Corridon did not have any play at first in front of him, but he managed to recover the sphere in time to touch out Milan who was coming along from second.

Ralston walked first time up. Then he got hit. Then the sacrifice. Boyd wind-up he cut first to first baseman Griggs and whiffed.

The Score.

	AB	R	H	E	A	E
Washington	3	1	4	0	1	0
Milan	3	0	0	1	0	0
Elberfeld	3	0	0	1	0	0
Cunningham	3	0	1	0	0	0
Somerlot	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gessler	3	0	0	0	0	0
McBride	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ralston	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ainsmith	3	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	3	0	0	0	0	0
Reisling	3	0	0	0	0	0
Leivelt	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	8	27	12	1

Batted for Johnson in the second.

	AB	R	H	E	A	E
St. Louis	4	1	0	1	2	1
Truesdale	4	1	0	1	2	1
Corridon	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace	3	0	0	0	0	0
Northern	4	0	2	1	0	0
Hartzell	4	0	1	0	0	0
Wallace	3	0	0	0	0	0
Griggs	4	0	2	0	1	0
Killifer	3	0	0	0	1	0
Boyd	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stephens	3	0	0	0	1	0
Crisp	3	0	0	0	0	0
Graham	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	47	3	10	27	16	1

Batted for Nelson in the ninth.

Washington..... 0 1 0 4 0 0 1 0-6  
St. Louis..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-3

Two-base hits—Hartzell, Stone. Sacrifice hits—Northern, Elberfeld, Ralston. Passed ball—Ainsmith. Stolen bases—Milan (3), Cunningham. Hit by pitcher—By Johnson, 1; by Boyd, 1; by Nelson, 1. First base on balls—Off Boyd, 2; off Nelson, 4; off Johnson, 1. Struck out—By Boyd, 4; by Nelson, 4; by Reisling, 5. Hits made—Off Johnson, 2 in 1 inning; off Boyd, 5 in 3 innings. Left on bases—Washington, 11; St. Louis, 10. Umpires—Messrs. Egan and Connolly. Time of game—2 hours.

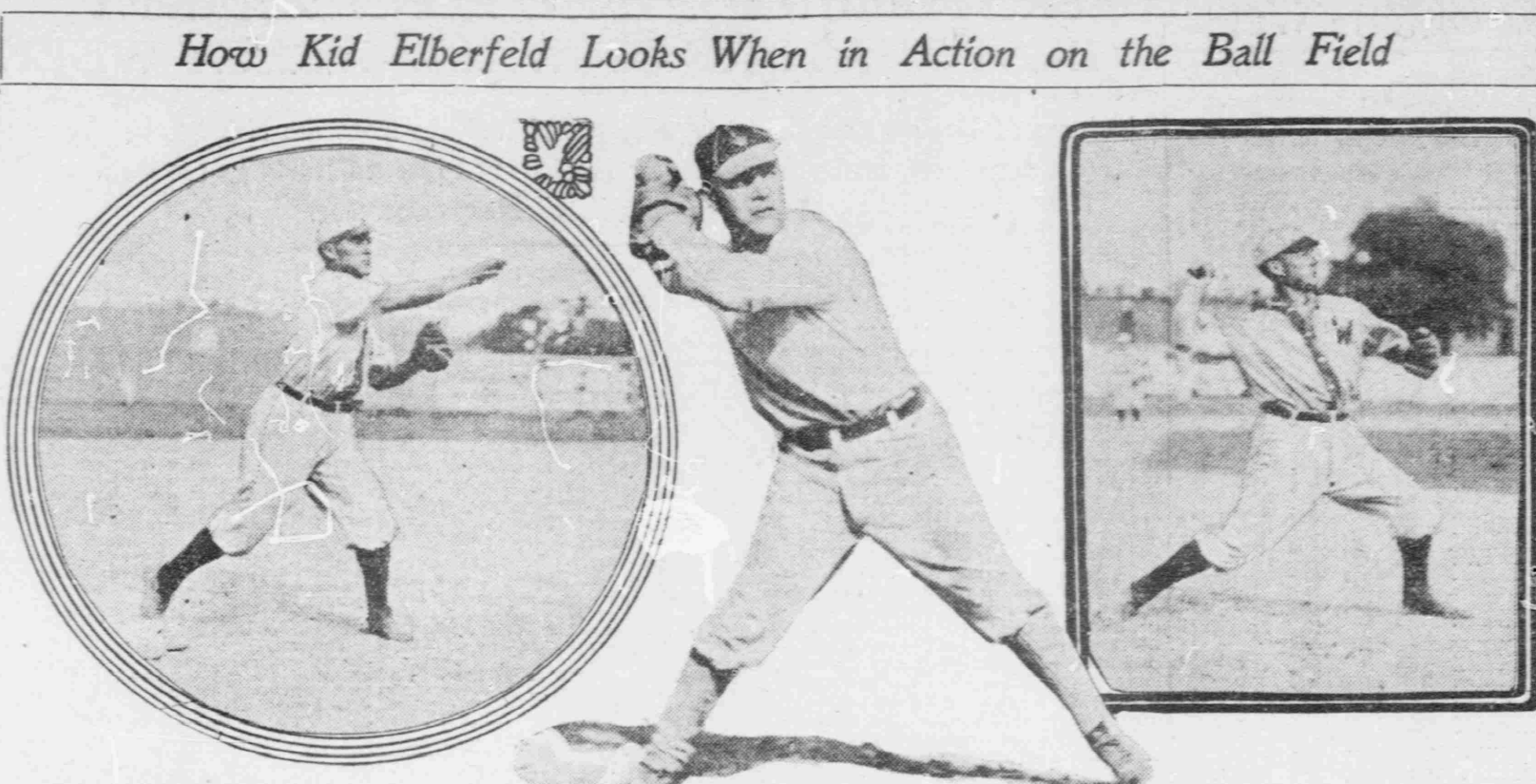
DICKINSON BEATEN.

CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 25.—Dickinson football team lost its initial game of the season yesterday to Western Maryland by the score of 3 to 0. Both teams were evenly matched, and the contest was hard fought. The scoring was done in the second quarter, when, by trick plays, the visitors worked to the 25-yard line, and in a fake rush, Twigg, quarterback, kicked a goal from the field.

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How Kid Elberfeld Looks When in Action on the Ball Field

## PENN IS STUNNED BY EARLY DEFEAT

Coaches Blame Linemen for Allowing Ursinus to Win First Game.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—A university of 5,000 beaten by a college of 175 or 200 students, a third of whom are girls. Such was the exclamation of Captain Georges, of the winning team, when Ursinus beat the University of Pennsylvania, 8 to 5.

"Why," he said, "it is a standing joke up at our place when these newspaper accounts are read stating that we have been practicing for forty days. We have been practicing since September 10, and on this account have had no better chance than Pennsylvania to adapting ourselves to a new football."

The contrast in the conditions in the Ursinus and Pennsylvania training quarters was the greatest seen in years. Ursinus men were already beginning to celebrate their first victory over accorded them over Pennsylvania. Since a word could be heard in the Quaker quarters, and coaches and players left the site as quickly as possible.

The red and blue coaches were unanimous in the opinion that it was the left side of the line alone which lost out for the Quakers. In the language of one of them, "The left side of the line was absolutely useless—no good for anything. If Ferrier had been there the situation would have been entirely different."

Forwards Weak.

"Had we had any line at all, certainly there would have been a different tale to tell. But as it was, Harmer and Dillon at left guard did not know how to handle themselves, while Murphy at left tackle put up a hopeless game. Kauffman did not appear to be doing any work at all, and let not only the man with the ball, but all his interference as well, get around him without any difficulty every time. Kenny, who substituted for him, was not even so good."

In the right side of the line there was some fairly good football, and Spruance played a good game at end. Cozens played well at tackle and Mellor at center put up a fine game. But until Irwin was taken out and Pike substituted at right guard there was an awful hole for any man who chose to make it."

Dr. Carl Williams was asked what he thought of the new rule after he had seen them in play for the first time. He said that, in his opinion, the game would be very spectacular before the close of the season, and that, from the general point of view, the changes were all very good.

Price's Opinion.

"The victory of Ursinus over Penn, while surprising to me, showed distinctly what a team playing together and utilizing the advantage of the new rules can do with a supposedly far stronger opponent. Had Penn used better judgment in the selection of plays, or had they had a few men who could pass and handle the ball, the result might have been vastly different," said Coach Price of Ursinus.

Penn's most serious mistake came when they elected to try for a field goal when they were within twenty yards of the Ursinus goal, and with but five yards to go on the second down. Ursinus, of course, was a veteran team. Most of the entire team playing together during the two previous seasons. This, together with the fact that they have practiced successfully the use of the forward pass, gave them a great chance.



## Club Standings and Possibilities

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 6; St. Louis, 3.  
Boston, 2; Detroit, 5.  
Detroit, 3; Boston, 2.  
Cleveland-New York—Rain.  
Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 4.  
Chicago, 3; Philadelphia, 5.

Games Today.

Washington at St. Louis.  
Boston at Detroit.  
Philadelphia at Chicago.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Philadelphia	35	44	.444	69-579
Detroit	31	41	.433	62-566
Boston	30	41	.421	60-571
New York	29	41	.413	58-569
Washington	29	40	.421	58-568
Cleveland	28	39	.416	56-554
Chicago	28	39	.416	56-554
St. Louis	28	39	.416	56-554
St. Louis	28	39	.416	56-554

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 6.  
St. Louis, 4; Brooklyn, 2.  
Cincinnati, 4; Boston, 2.  
New York, 6; Chicago, 5.  
Pittsburg, 6; Philadelphia, 1.

Games Today.

No Games Scheduled.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Chicago	22	45	.330	47-925
Pittsburg	22	45	.330	47-925
New York	22	45	.330	47-925
Philadelphia	22	45	.330	47-925
Cincinnati	22	45	.330	47-925
St. Louis	22	45	.330	47-925
Brooklyn	22	45	.330	47-925
Boston	22	45	.330	47-925

### GREAT GREAT DANE.

R. A. C. Smith, of Greenwich, Conn., has imported the Great Dane Octa, which weighs 120 pounds and is said to be the third largest registered dog of this breed. The dignified client was brought over on the White Star liner Baltic, and took the prize for good behavior in a dog show held by the passengers during the voyage.

## CAPITAL COACHES ARE WONDERING

Magoffin of G. W. U. Saw Nothing New In Penn-Ursinus Game.

Coach Magoffin and Manager Haller, of the George Washington football team, returned this morning from Philadelphia where they saw the Penn-Ursinus game yesterday, and expressed themselves forcibly against the new rules, judged from the game witnessed.

Both went to get a line on the brand-new game which Penn expected to put up after the six weeks' preparation at Gretna Green, Pa.

The game, Detroit stated, was a farce as far as new football was concerned, and much time was spent in useless wrangling. There were no new wrinkles of any sort, and on straight football Penn was completely outclassed. Ursinus used the same plays against Penn that it used against George Washington last fall.

The distinct features of Ursinus play was the use of the direct pass and the short, accurate forward passes, which were good for many yards. A criss-cross play, which invariably found a large hole in the Penn line, was used time and again, and Penn simply could not stop the heavy Ursinus men.

Penn, on the other hand, did not use the direct pass, and had no luck with the forward pass to any great extent. The Washington experts were disgusted with the exhibition as far as new football was concerned, and were not enlightened much on the old style.

The distinctive point of the change in the dying tackle was apparently lost sight of. Flying tackles were indulged in, as under the old rules. Men would leave their feet time after time, and what was most significant, was the fact that the officials overlooked this feature, not paying the slightest attention to the manner of getting the man.

On the whole, both Washingtonians were chagrined over the trip, which proved unprofitable in regard to learning new football.

Louisville has secured First Baseman Jordan from Brooklyn. Rumors are even heard that he will succeed Del Howard as manager and first baseman next season.

The Giants, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, have offered Arthur Irwin, the peerless scout of the Yankees, a blank contract for a term of years, but Irwin refuses to listen to all offers.

At the close of the minor league season a large number of players will leave for Panama, where a league of four clubs is supported for about four months, the American contractors backing the clubs.

It has leaked out that Alex Reddick, center fielder of the Columbus team, eloped some days ago with Miss Louise Leocher. The pair went to Covington, Ky., where their marriage was solemnized. Miss Leocher is a Columbus girl.

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## BRIBED TO THROW BASEBALL GAME

Two Coatesville Players Confess to Exceedingly Rare Sporting Crime.

COATESVILLE, Pa., Sept. 25.—The biggest sensation ever known in sporting circles here was sprung when it was announced that Centerfielder Hennessey and Third Baseman Sundheim had confessed that they had been bribed to throw yesterday's game at West Chester to Brandtine. The identity of the bribers was also made known, one being known as "Big Frank," a bartender at a local hotel. No one connected with the West Chester team is involved in the scandal.

A large pool had been raised by some Coatesville gamblers and was being placed on Brandywine, arousing suspicion, but nothing definite was learned until last evening, when a friend of Field Manager Grady, who overheard the plotters talking, gave the information.

Hennessey is said to have confessed and left town last night and Sundheim is reported, signed a written confession today. Both were then immediately released.

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